

Minutes of the Community Services and Facilities Committee - 11 November 2024

Members Lord Mayor - Councillor Clover Moore AO (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore (Deputy Chair), Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Matthew Thompson, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM, Councillor Mitch Wilson and Councillor Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 3.39pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Ellsmore, Gannon, Kok, Maxwell, Miller, Thompson, Weldon, Wilson and Worling.

Councillor Weldon left the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee at 3.41pm, prior to discussion on Item 3, and returned at 3.45pm, after the vote on Item 3. Councillor Weldon was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 3.

The meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee concluded at 3.54pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee of Monday 21 October 2024, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Zann Maxwell disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that Aunty Norma Ingram was involved in the Sydney Labor Campaign in 2024 and is on the Board of Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care, and organisation that is receiving a grant under the Social Grants Program. Councillor Maxwell considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because Aunty Norma has not contacted him or made representations to him relating to this grant in addition to these grants being decided prior to his appointment to Committees.

Councillor Matthew Thompson disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that an organisation that applied, but is not recommended, for grant funding, Addison Road Community Centre, employed him as a member of their staff in 2018 to 2019. He has ongoing connections with both current and former staff. Councillor Thompson considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because his employment with them ended 5 years ago. He has also not discussed the matter with the member or other members of the Addison Road Community Centre.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 on the agenda, in that she is a Board Member of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, the coordinating partner for these events.

Councillor Weldon stated she will not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Mitch Wilson disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that Aunty Norma Ingram was involved in the Sydney Labor Campaign in 2024 and is on the Board of Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care. Councillor Wilson considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because Aunty Norma has not contacted them or made representations to them relating to this grant in addition to these grants being decided prior to their appointment to Committees.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

The Community Services and Facilities Committee recommended the following:

Item 3**Freedom Ride 60th Anniversary Event**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the 60th anniversary of the Freedom Ride on 12 February 2025;
- (B) Council note the impact and legacy of the Freedom Ride as one of Australia's most significant civil rights events;
- (C) Council approve a total expenditure of up to \$135,300 (including GST) to deliver a program of events to mark the 60th anniversary of the Freedom Ride from the 2024/25 General Contingency Fund or savings from the City Life 2024/25 operating budget;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer any contracts with suitable supplier(s) relating to the events; and
- (E) Council note further details of the event will be shared with Council through the CEO Update.

(Note – at the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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Item 4**Grants and Sponsorship - Social Grants**

The Community Services and Facilities Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 25 November 2024.

Officer's Recommendation

The officer's recommendation to the Community Services and Facilities Committee was as follows -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Food Support Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Food Support Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Officer's Report

The officer's report on this matter can be found at Item 4 on the agenda of the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee on 11 November 2024.

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